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MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 1st, 2012
1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007



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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Call to Order: Co-Chairs Lisa Adkins and Tom Finnegan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. SB 1001/SCR 1001 (military preservation; land exchanges) update:

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins introduced State Senator John Nelson who provided a background and overview of his senate bill and continuing resolution that revises the process to review, evaluate and approve proposed exchanges of state *trust* lands for other public lands in the state. It contains a conditional enactment clause, which requires an amendment of the Constitution of Arizona at the general election in November, 2012 in order for the provisions of the bill to become effective. A similar bill became a state proposition in 2010 and failed by approximately 10,000 votes without significant opposition. Commissioners noted there was little money to fund a promotional campaign last time and that it will take a grass roots campaign in addition to local elected officials' knowledge to promote the measure if it makes it to the ballot again. Commissioners agreed unanimously to write a letter of support to the Senate's Republican Caucus to advance Senator Nelson's bill a copy of which is attached.

III. Roll Call: The following Commissioners were present.

- Lisa A. Atkins - Member w/ Expertise in Military Affairs, Co-chair
- Thomas M. Finnegan, Colonel (*Ret.*) US Army - Member w/ Expertise in Military Affairs, Co-chair
- Hugo Salazar, Major General - Advisory Member
- Robert Webb, Colonel, *for* J.D. Harris, Brigadier General - Advisory Member
- Maria Baier, State Land Commissioner - Advisory Member
- Michael Werner, Bureau of Land Management - Advisory Member
- Alan L. Krieger, Yuma Mayor - Local Elected Official
- Bryan P. Martyn, Pinal County Supervisor - Local Elected Official
- Max Wilson, Maricopa County Supervisor - Local Elected Official
- Ramon O. Valadez, Pima County Supervisor - Local Elected Official
- Rick Mueller, Sierra Vista Mayor - Local Elected Official
- Edward H. Dupstadt, Yuma - Private Property Interests Member
- Priscilla Storm, Tucson - Private Property Interests Member
- Richard W. O'Keeffe, Monsignor, Yuma - Member w/ Expertise in Military Affairs
- Robert Johnston, Lieutenant General (*Ret.*) USMC, Tucson - Member w/ Expertise in Military Affairs
- Thomas Browning Brigadier General (*Ret.*), Phoenix - Member w/ Expertise in Military Affairs

IV. Old Business

a. Arizona Commanders' Summit Critical Elements update

Colonel Robert Webb, Vice-Commander, 56th Fighter Wing indicated that the Critical Elements were being reviewed and updated in advance of the next Arizona Commanders' Summit on March 7th and the results will be available following the meeting. Mr. Finnegan noted that the results will provide focus for the Commission's future work.

b. Luke AFB F-35 update

Colonel Webb also provided an update on the recently published Environmental Impact Study Executive Summary by the U.S. Air Force that rated Luke AFB ahead of its competitors in other states for F-35 stationing. It looks favorable that Luke AFB will become a training facility for 72 to 144 F-35 aircraft. The community support Luke AFB cultivates and sustains is one of the significant factors that contribute to the F-35 basing decision. The public comment period opens February 13th and close March 14th to gain additional community input.



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c. Tucson AGS F-35 update

Major Gabe Johnson, 162nd Fighter Wing, Arizona Air National Guard, provided an update on the potential stationing of F-35s at Tucson AGS based on the results of the U.S. Air Force Environmental Impact Study Executive Summary. Tucson AGS was viewed favorably in the report and may receive F-35s later in the production cycle. However, the F-16 international pilot training mission will remain for the foreseeable future. Major General Salazar noted that if foreign military sales of the F-35 accelerate, then Tucson AGS may need to train F-35 international pilots sooner than is identified in the report. Public comment hearings will be held February 21-23 in Tucson and Sierra Vista.

d. Military Installation Fund rules-making update

Major General Salazar indicated that rules-making committee will be meeting within the next two months to begin work and report its progress to the Commission at the next meeting.

e. Military Facility Task Force recommendations

Mr. Finnegan reviewed 27 past task force recommendations to assess completion, progress, and continued relevance. Commissioners were provided a copy of the recommendations.

V. New Business

a. Western Regional Partnership briefing (www.wrpinfo.org)

Ms. Amy Duffy delivered a presentation on the Western Regional Partnership and its relevance to the Commission. Ms. Duffy highlighted the reorganized committee structure within the Partnership that will facilitate better communication and business execution. Mr. Finnegan serves as Co-chair of the Natural Resources Committee. A copy of the presentation is attached.

b. Southwest Defense Alliance briefing (www.swda.us)

Mr. Frank Tussing delivered a presentation on the Southwest Defense Alliance and its goals and objectives and how it aligns with the Western Regional Partnership and the Commission. Mr. Tussing noted that Major General Salazar is as an ex-officio member as The Adjutant General of Arizona. The next meeting of the Alliance is 15-16 March in Long Beach, CA.

VI. Calendar Dates and Locations

- a. The next meeting shall be determined by the progress of the MIF rules-making committee when they have substantial progress to report.
- b. The MIF rules-making committee will meet in March to begin their work.

VII. Call to the Public

- a. Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Commander Colonel Reed Young introduced himself and provided the Commission with a brochure that highlighted YPG's military and community resources. The next Arizona Commander's Summit is being hosted at YPG on March 7th at 10:00 a.m.
- b. No other comments were made by the public.

VIII. Adjournment: February 1st, 2012 at 12:37 p.m.